

# TAFT FINDS WARNING IN BENEDICT ARNOLD

Selfish Interests Should Be Repressed. He Tells Deeper Waterways Delegates.

## HIS LAMENESS NOTICEABLE

Convention Ends After Praising Certain Provisions of Panama Canal Bill, Which President Defends.

New London, Conn., Sept. 6.—From within the grass-grown ramparts of old Fort Griswold, on Groton Heights, President Taft this afternoon told the delegates to the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Convention that no individual should permit his own selfish interests, or his personal ambition, to lead him to climb into power over some one else. "We should not forget our true relation to our fellow men," he said, "nor the obligations we owe to those who, as individuals, make up the body politic."

The President had been telling the story of the defence of Fort Griswold 131 years ago and of the courage of those farmers who had defended the walls around about against the British under Benedict Arnold. He had spoken of Arnold, saying that no one who had studied the brilliant parts of the man and his ambition, could help feeling regretful that love of self, self-absorption and ambition for power had led him into that path which made him the greatest traitor of all times." Said the President: "Benedict Arnold gives us a warning not to follow a selfish ambition and have a desire to crawl into power over some one else."

**President's Lameness Noticeable.**

President Taft was noticeably lame when he walked from an auto to the small platform, but his ailment did not appear to affect his speech. He touched upon the Panama, Cape Cod and Chesapeake and Delaware canals in general.

When the President had finished his talk J. Hampton Moore, president of the Deeper Waterways Association, called upon every one of the several hundred within the fortifications to honor Mrs. Taft, "the first lady of the land," by waving their handkerchiefs when he gave the signal. Mrs. Taft smilingly ascended the little platform, escorted by her husband, and when President Moore waved the large assemblage followed suit.

The yacht Mayflower, with the Presidential party, started out of the harbor at 5 o'clock in a heavy haze. The craft made its course out through the race and turned into the Atlantic Ocean just south of Fishers Island.

A grand ball at the Griswold this evening winds up the three-day convention of the deeper waterway delegates, who have enjoyed their outing immensely. Jacksonville, Fla., was selected as the place for next year's convention, with the recommendation that Troy or Albany, if they combine, receive consideration for the 1914 convention. Congressman J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia, was unanimously re-elected president, and William H. Schoff, of Philadelphia, was elected secretary and treasurer.

### Declaration of Principles.

The declaration of principles sets forth that within the coastal states comprising the original American colonies are dwelling one-third of the total population of the country; that therein are the most densely populated industrial communities, with rapidly increasing population. Condition of population, industry and commerce require as their first remedy better and cheaper facilities of transportation. The remedy is the development of additional means of transportation over coastal bays and sounds.

The association congratulates the Atlantic states upon the favorable report of the army engineers on an intercoastal waterways project, and demands that this be made a national project, with continued appropriation of funds for its early completion; that a demand be made on the next Congress for the purchase of the Chesapeake and Delaware canal, or condemnation, if negotiations are not satisfactory, of the building of a canal in an alternative route; that a demand be made on Congress for the adoption of the New Jersey sea level canal project, and the adoption of a policy of waterways improvements which shall gauge the amount of the appropriation according to the commerce existing at the places affected.

These provisions of the Panama Canal act are approved which forbid ownership or control by railroad corporations of competing water carriers, and provide for joint rates and through bills of lading and a system of pro-rating between the railroads and water carriers, and forbid railroads to discriminate in favor of and extend special privileges to favored shipping lines or ports.

"I signed the Panama Canal bill, as you know," the President said in his Fort Griswold speech. "If you were to read some of the strictures on that act of mine you would think that the Executive and Congress went around looking for a chance to violate a treaty, and then violated a treaty just for the fun of it. Some people lean back so far that they would rather be in an international controversy than side with their own country. On the matter whether there has been any violation of treaty rights I think it fair to examine the question up one side and down the other and hear arguments on each side before calling names, or even before siding against one's own country."

### CAR KILLS CHICAGO RECTOR

The Rev. W. W. Wilson Run Down at a Street Crossing.

Chicago, Sept. 6.—The Rev. William White Wilson, fifty-five years old, for twenty-three years rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, was instantly killed by a streetcar as he was crossing a street to-night. The crew of the car will be held pending the Coroner's inquest.

Mr. Wilson was born in Philadelphia, and was ordained deacon and priest in 1878. He was rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, at Orange, N. J., until 1880, when he accepted a call to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, at Kittanning, Penn., where he remained until 1888, when he came to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Chicago. In 1888 he was secretary of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

### HONOR FOR SIR W. H. WHITE.

Dundee, Sept. 6.—Sir William Henry White, the well known naval expert, today was elected president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which has been in session here for several days past. The next meeting of the association will be held at Birmin-

# BERKSHIRE HUNT BALL GAY

Two Hundred Guests Dance Amid Gorgeous Autumn Foliage at Shadowbrook, the Villa of Spencer P. Shatto, on Lake Mahkeenac.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Lexington, Mass., Sept. 6.—In a gorgeous setting of red and gold foliage in Shadowbrook, the villa of Spencer P. Shatto, of Savannah, on the shore of Lake Mahkeenac, two hundred huntantes, cottagers and their house guests danced at the ninth annual ball of the Berkshire Hunt, red and green, were carried out in the decorations. Mountain ash berries in large clusters, with the green of their foliage, were hung in garlands against the oak panelled side walls. Gold and red foliage, the first of the hillsides, was used effectively in large bowls in the corners of the room. Where the orchestra was seated was a screen made of Coco-palm, campanula, the pride of Castle Gould, and other flowers, giving a ruddy glow to the background of green.

In the reception party were Mrs. Giraud Foster, Mrs. Richard C. Dixey, Mrs. Joseph W. Burden, Mrs. William Pollack, Mrs. George E. Turnure, Mrs. J. Frederick Schenck and Miss Isabel Shatto. They received before a setting of palms, begonias and flowering plants in the beautiful Pompeian reception hall, a room in the early Roman period, considered one of the best examples of Pompeian architecture in this country.

The committee of arrangements of the ball were Mrs. Henry Livingston Lee, Mrs. Henry Hollister Pease, Mrs. William B. O. Field, Mrs. Samuel Frothingham, Mrs. Elizabeth Turnure, Mrs. Kate Cary, Miss Isabel Shatto, Giraud Foster, William B. O. Field, Newbold Morris and George E. Turnure.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ross W. Whistler, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hollister Pease, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shields Clarke, Mrs. Oscar Isagi, Miss Nora Isagi, Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Gersdorff, Mrs. George B. de Gersdorff,

and many others.

### TO CHANGE STEAMER RULES

Supervising Inspectors Meet Steamship Representatives.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, Sept. 6.—Questions relating to the equipment of steamboats on the inland waters in the matter of lifeboats, rafts and life preservers were discussed by owners and representatives of steamship companies and the executive committee of the Board of Supervising Inspectors at a conference held here to-day.

New regulations put in force soon after the Titanic disaster were subject to many complaints, especially on the part of the owners of the smaller steamboats. The object of the conference is to determine whether these regulations can be made less stringent and at the same time afford adequate protection to passengers in case of fire or accident.

The executive committee of the Board of Supervising Inspectors comprises Inspector General George Uhler, Captain Henry M. Seelye, of New York, and Captain N. B. Nelson, of Cleveland.

The conference will be continued tomorrow, and it is expected that the board will make a number of concessions to the steamship owners and will promulgate new regulations in place of those put in effect early in the summer.

### MRS. HARRIMAN AT ARDEN.

Returns with Her Children from a Six Weeks' Western Trip.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Goshen, N. Y., Sept. 6.—Mrs. E. H. Harriman and her children, Miss Carol, Averill and Roland, returned to their home at Arden to-day, after a six weeks' Western trip, part of which was spent on their ranch in Idaho.

Averill and Roland Harriman expect to drive the Arden Farm's horses in the matinee races of the Goshen Driving Club here to-morrow afternoon.

### NAVY WEDDING OFF

Marriage of Ensign William R. Purcell Indefinitely Postponed.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

San Francisco, Sept. 6.—The wedding of Miss Neva Salisbury and Ensign William Reynolds Purcell, U. S. N., which was to have taken place next Wednesday, has been indefinitely postponed. No reason has been given out.

The young couple had planned a wedding trip to New York, where they were to attend the wedding of Lieutenant W. E. Hall, of the navy, an intimate friend of Ensign Purcell. The engagement was announced in July. Ensign Purcell left soon afterward for Bremerton on temporary duty on the cruiser Cleveland. He applied for six weeks' leave, which was granted, and the wedding day was then set.

### STEINERT—JOHNSTON.

Hackensack, N. J., Sept. 6.—Miss Anna Louise Johnston, of Sussex street, Hackensack, was married to George C. Steinert, Jr., of Washington Place, Hasbrouck Heights, this afternoon. The wedding took place at Christ Church, Hackensack, and was performed by the Rev. Peter A. Tulp. The bride was gowned in white chameuse and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Mrs. Frederick Lane, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Charles Steinert, brother of the bridegroom, represented: Alexander Foss, Baron von Eltz, Prvly. Councilor Monch, Navy Counsellor Shultz, Prvly. State Counsellor Jaeger, and N. Leibelsky, prvly. councilor and leader of the Russian delegation.

A large number of the delegates to the Sixth International Congress for Testing Materials, the official name for the International Safety Congress, made up of engineers from all parts of the world and now guests of the city, will visit the Hippodrome in a body on Wednesday evening next, including Prince Andrew Gagarin, of St. Petersburg; Prince V. Lileen, of St. Petersburg; Sir Hugh Bell and Sir Robert A. Hasbrouck, of Britain; representation: Alexander Foss, Baron von Eltz, Prvly. Councilor Monch, Navy Counsellor Shultz, Prvly. State Counsellor Jaeger, and N. Leibelsky, prvly. councilor and leader of the Russian delegation.

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